Attacking WiFi networks with traffic injection Why open and WEP 802.11 networks really suck

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Introduction

We already know 802.11 networks are weak

- Open networks are prone to any well-known LAN perimeter attack
- WEP is vulnerable

So why this talk?





This talk is yet another "people never learn" story

Goals

- Understand that WiFi open networks are unsecure for users
- Understand that WEP really sucks and should not be used anymore
- Understand that there's no salvation outside WPA/WPA2

Maybe make some people learn something¹, at least (in case they don't know yet)



¹Must see website[ABOB]

Introduction

Traffic injection has changed things

- Increased DoS capabilities
- Dramaticly decreased WEP cracking achievement time
- Allows traffic tampering
- Allows stations attacks

But still ...

- Most ISPs selling wireless/router/modem boxes only provide WEP support
- Many WiFi compliant devices only support WEP (PSP, Zaurus, etc.)
- Most commercial hotspots are still open networks...

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802.11 basics

802.11[IEEE99] is a wireless communication IEEE standard also known as WiFi and pushed by WiFi Alliance[WIFI] lobby

- CSMA/CA based
- Infrastructure vs. Ad-hoc
- Distribution System (DS)
- Association concept
- Management vs. data traffic



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802.11 "early" security

WiFi initial protection scheme is WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy)

- Authentication through challenge/response (sort of) handshake
- Privacy with RC4 cipher using 24bits IV plus fixed key
- Integrity with ciphered CRC32 on cleartext payload

WEP is still widely deployed :(



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WiFi injection basics

Arbitrary frames injection

Quite old but non common functionnality

- Needs appropriate firmware
- Needs appropriate driver
- Needs appropriate library/software

Some drivers/libs/tools exist[AIRJ], but most focus on management traffic



WiFi injection basics

Toolkit

Proper adapter and driver

- Hostap[HAP], but apparently limited by both firmware and driver (i.e. needs patch)
- Wlan-ng[WLAN] (patched)
- Atheros/Madwifi[MADW] (patched)
- Intersil Prism54[PR54] (development SVN snapshot)

Atheros seems to be the best chipset



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WiFi injection basics

Traffic injection 101

Traffic injection quick HOWTO

- Insert adapter
- 2 Load driver and activate adapter
- Set driver into monitor mode (real 802.11 mode)
- Set appropriate channel
- Open PF_PACKET/RAW socket on interface (Linux only)
- Use your socket and play

Still, you need a 802.11 stack over your socket and/or good libs and tools so you can communicate

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All materials described in this talk are for educational and demonstration purposes only.

DO NOT USE THEM ON OTHERS' NETWORKS WITHOUT THEIR AUTHORIZATION

You could break the law and face prosecution...



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Management traffic Description

Management traffic :

- is a regulation traffic
- is completly unprotected !?

It's a target of choice...

Lots of tools for playing with it



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Management traffic Tampering

You alter DS current state by tampering management traffic

- Reject association requests
- Inject disassociation frame
- Inject fake associations
- Wake up devices in sleep mode
- Etc.

Mainly DoSes...



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Management traffic

Management traffic is easy to generate and inject See Scapy[SCAP] packets classes

- Dot11
- Dot11Disas
- Dot11AssoResp
- Dot11ReassoResp
- Dot11Deauth
- etc.

See Scapy in action[BIO04]



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For AP mode, you need to inject

- Beacon frames
- Answers to associations requests
- Management traffic
- Forwarded data frames



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If you can be an AP, you can also be a fake one...

- Cheap solution for low level traffic redirection
- Cool attacks against automatic "WiFi network managers" [KARM]

Rogue AP is the poor man attack that works so well



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WEP is RC4 based, which is XOR based...

- IV collisions
- (Almost) Arbitrary frame injection
- Cleartext attacks (e.g. authentication challenge) and authentication bypass
- $\bullet~{\sf PRGA^2}~{\sf output}/{\sf IV}$ couple table construction
- Fluhrer, Mantin and Shamir attack (weak IVs attack)
- Korek optimization of FMS attack based on solved cases
- Korek Chopchop attack

 $\mathsf{PRGA}\xspace$ output/IV and FMS attacks need traffic gathering



²Pseudo Random Generation Algorithm Cédric BLANCHER Attacking WiFi networks with traffic injection

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WEP cracking

First WiFi (in)security paper published in 2000[WAL00]

- Key space is 2^{24} whatever WEP key length
- More than 99% IV collision after only 12000 frames

Let C and C' two cleartexts ciphered using the same key K

Key collision info extraction

$$P = C \oplus RC4(IV \parallel K)$$

$$P' = C' \oplus RC4(IV \parallel K)$$

$$\Rightarrow P \oplus P' = C \oplus C'$$

RC4 weak keys problem mentionned[RW95]



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WEP cracking Modified frame injection

Let C be our cleartext message and C' a modification of C Let $\mathit{Mod} = C \oplus C'$

Arbitrary message modification

$$P = WEP(C \parallel ICV(C))$$

$$= (C \parallel ICV(C)) \oplus RC4(IV \parallel K)$$

$$P' = (C' \parallel ICV(C')) \oplus RC4(IV \parallel K)$$

 $= (C \parallel ICV(C)) \oplus RC4(IV \parallel K) \oplus (Mod \parallel ICV(Mod))$

 $= P \oplus (Mod \parallel ICV(Mod))$

This means you can inject arbitrary layer 2 consistent WEP frames and have them decrypted...

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We can inject arbitrary traffic through WEP without key knowledge

- Launch oracle based attacks
- Stimulate network in order to create traffic
- Full WEP cracking is no more relying on passive listening



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WEP authentication is vulnerable to cleartext attack Let C be a cleartext challenge.

PRGA extraction

$$P = WEP(C \parallel ICV(C))$$

= (C \| ICV(C)) \overline RC4(IV \| K)
\(\Rightarrow RC4(IV \| K) = P \overline (C \| ICV(C))

Payload header is 8 bytes, C is 128 bytes and ICV(C) is 4 bytes So we can grab 140 bytes of PRGA output for given IV



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Authentication bypass

"Your 802.11 Wireless Network Has No Clothes" [ASW01]

Challenge answer computation

$$\mathsf{P}' = (\mathsf{C}' \parallel \mathsf{ICV}(\mathsf{C}')) \oplus \mathsf{RC4}(\mathsf{IV} \parallel \mathsf{K})$$

Once one authentication is captured, we can compute any further answer P' to challenge C' using known PRGA output



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PRGA output/IV tables

For every IV, grab PRGA output

- We know how to grab 140 bytes of PRGA output
- We can generate traffic with known PRGA output (e.g. GET / HTTP/1.0)
- We can have traffic generated and grab longer PRGA output (e.g. HTTP reply)

We can end up with a huge PRGA output/IV table (≈ 25 GB) allowing one to decrypt any packet on the air We can boost this attack playing with disassociations :)



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WEP cracking Fluhrer, Mantin and Shamir attack

Article "Weaknesses in the Key Scheduling Algorithm of RC4" [FMS01], based on Roos and Wagner work

- Weak key = info about internal RC4 state
- Weak key + known first bytes of stream = info about K

So, what do we have?

- RC4 key is IV|| K and IV is known
- C is a 802.11 frame, so we can guess first bytes

We have "known weak IVs" that provide informations about K and lead to an effective attack against WEP Korek added other "solved cases" [KO04a]

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WEP cracking Korek Chopchop attack

Arbaugh first published an inductive attack againt WEP[ARB01] Korek published a similar (reversed) inductive attack[KO04b] with a PoC called Chopchop

- Grab a multicast/broadcast frame
- Strip the last data byte
- Assume last byte cleartext value
- Correct frame ICV and reinject
- See if AP forwards the new frame

Extremely effective on ARP traffic (10-20s per packet).



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WEP cracking Devine aircrack/aireplay WEP cracking

Using FMS and Korek optimizations, Christophe Devine released aircrack and aireplay[AIRC]

- Capture an ARP request, optionnaly with Chopchop
- Inject ARP request again and again
- Stimulate traffic and unique IV collection
- Orack WEP key with optimized FMS

Full WEP cracking is now a matter of minutes[WWCR] And aircrack can still get optimized...



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Bypassing captive portals Commercial WiFi hospots

Commercial public Internet access

- Captive portal based system
- Authentication to billing system through web portal
- Authorization for Internet access
- Authorization tracking

It would be nice to be free... For free!



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Bypassing captive portals MAC based authorization tracking

- Authorized clients are identified by their MAC address
 - MAC address is easy to spoof
 - No MAC layer conflict on WiFi network
 - Just need a different IP



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Bypassing captive portals IP based authorization tracking

Authorized clients are identified by their IP address

- IP address are just a little more tricky to spoof
- ARP cache poisoning helps redirecting traffic
- Traffic redirection allows IP spoofing
- See my LSM 2002 talk[BLA02], arp-sk website[ARPS] or MISC3[MISC]



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Bypassing captive portals MAC+IP addresses based authorization tracking

The smart way for tracking people?

- Previous technic won't help because of MAC address checking
- Send traffic with spoofed MAC address
- ARP cache poisoning and IP spoofing
- Hint : IP layer and MAC layer don't care much about each other



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Bypassing captive portals Misconfiguration and tricks

Some gateways are misconfigured

- HTTP proxy left open on gateway
- ESTABLISHED, RELATED j ACCEPT prevents connections drop when authorization expires on Linux based systems
- Administration network on the same VLAN, accessible through WiFi
- Etc.

Misconfigurations tend to be less and less common Nevertheless, DNS based communication[OZY] or tunneling[NSTX] always works :)



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Attacking stations What about associated stations?

Associated stations are almost naked

- LAN attacks (ARP, DHCP, DNS, etc.)
- Traffic interception and tampering
- Direct station attacks

Think of personal firewalls exception for local network...



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Attacking stations Station to station traffic prevention

Security feature that blocks traffic within DS Cisco calls this PSPF, each vendor has it's own name/flavor

- Station sends To-DS frame
- AP sees it's destinated to DS
- AP drops the frame

No From-DS frame, so no communication^{*a*} : stations can't talk to each other...

^aDoes not work between 2 APs linked via wired network



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Attacking stations PSPF bypass with injection

Joker can inject From-DS frames directly

- No need for AP benediction
- You can spoof about anyone
- You're still able to sniff traffic

Traffic injection allows complete PSPF bypass



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Attacking stations Traffic tampering with injection

WiFi communication are just opened on the air

- Listen to WiFi traffic
- Match interesting requests
- Spoof the AP and inject your own answers
- Clap clap, you've done airpwn-like[AIRP] tool

Only think of injecting nasty stuff in HTTP traffic, just in case someone would dare to use MSIE on an open WLAN $\,$



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Attacking stations Full communication with injection

Sending traffic directly to stations without AP authorization

- Allows station to station communication
- Allows communicating if AP is out of reach
- Allows communication if AP refuses association
- A smart way for talking to stations without being associated



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Attacking stations Proof of concept : Wifitap

Needed a PoC for PSPF-like systems bypass and wrote Wifitap

- Written in Python[PYTH]
- Relies on Scpay[SCAP]
- Uses tuntap device and OS IP stack
- Use WiFi frame injection and sniffing

Wifitap allows communication with station despite of AP restrictions



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Attacking stations Wifitap usage

| # ./wifitap.py -h | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Usage: wifitap -b < | BSSID> [-o <iface>] [-i <iface> [-p]]</iface></iface> |
| | [-w <wep key=""> [-k <key id="">]]</key></wep> |
| | [-d [-v]] [-h] |
| -b <bssid></bssid> | specify BSSID for injection |
| -o <iface></iface> | specify interface for injection |
| -i <iface></iface> | specify interface for listening |
| -p | No Prism Headers in capture |
| -w <key></key> | WEP mode and key |
| -k <key id=""></key> | WEP key id (default: 0) |
| -d | activate debug |
| -v | verbose debugging EADS |
| -h | this so helpful output, and a solution |

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Attacking stations Wifitap in short

How Wifitap works

Sending traffic

- Read ethernet from tuntap
- Add 802.11 headers
- Add BSSID, From-DS and WEP
- Inject frame over WiFi

Receiving traffic

- Sniff 802.11 frame
- Remove WEP layer if needed

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- Remove 802.11 headers
- Send ethernet through tuntap

Attacker does not need to be associated



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Attacking stations Quick demo...

We Proudly R3wt



Download Wifitap at http://sid.rstack.org/index.php/Wifitap_EN



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Hotspots with PSPF-like

Some hotspots implement PSPF-like in order to prevent clients from attacking each other

- Does not protect against "session" hijacking³
- Attacker then needs to take over victim's session
- Victim does not have access anymore, and still pays for it

And among all, it's pretty useless ...



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More hotspot bypassing...

Hijacking people authorization is not very kind

- Use Wifitap to bypass PSPF-like
- Now you can send your poor victim his traffic back Your victim and you are both able to surf transparently

Now, you "can be a true gentlemanly [h|cr]acker" [ISCD];)



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Transitional recommandation[WPA] from WiFi Alliance (2003) extracted from IEEE work for infrastructure networks only

- New authentication scheme based on PSK or 802.1x
- New key generation and scheduling scheme for keys
- New integrity check through SHA1 based MIC with sequencing

Pretty solid solution that can prevent injection/replay



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WPA2 and 802.11i

802.11i[IEEE04b] is a standard from IEEE for WiFi security WPA2[WPA2] is a recommandation from WiFi Alliance based on 802.11i

- RSN⁴ concept : security algorithms negociation
- Integrates Ad-Hoc security
- Authentication using 802.1x
- Ciphering using AES-CCMP
- Integrity check using CCMP MIC

Return to the roots and use of a real adapted ciphering solution



⁴Robust Security Network

WPA/WPA2 using Free Software

Building WPA/WPA2 aware network with free software

Client side

- wpa_supplicant[WPAS]
- WPA/WPA2/RSN supplicant
- Linux, BSD and... Win32 :)

SoftAP side

- hostapd[HAPD]
- WPA/WPA2/RSN and 802.1×[IEEE04a] authenticator

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• Linux, BSD



Some flaws already

Yet some papers have been published regarding WPA security

- WPA weak PSK (<20 chars) bruteforce[MOS03]
- Injection of spoofed first handshake message leads to memory exhaustion[HM04] (DOS)
- TEK attack in 2¹⁰⁵ instead of 2¹²⁸ (requires key knowledge)[MRH04]
- Counter-measures abuse (DOS) : traffic replay, dumb traffic injection

Moreover, nothing will ever protect from layer 1 based DoS attacks (bandwidth reservation, jamming)

And then?

Although some flaws, WPA provides strong mechanisms for end users

- Good authentication mechanisms if properly used
- Real session management
- Session key management and re-keying
- Real integrity check
- Anti-replay, anti-injection mechanisms

WPA2 is even better.



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Conclusion

WiFi environnement are highly insecure and tough to secure You just can't cope with amateur style protection...

Then...

- Don't use WEP anymore, it "has no clothes" at all
- Don't use open networks for public access, use WPA/WPA2^a
- Migrate to WPA, then WPA2 as soon as possible

^aBTW, RADIUS is far better for AAA

Manufacturers, vendors, journalists, etc. : stop telling people WEP is OK ! It's not at all ! Maybe ending WEP support would be a good idea...

Thank you for your attention and...

Greetings to ...

- EADS CCR/DCR/SSI team
- Rstack.org team http://www.rstack.org/
- MISC Magazine http://www.miscmag.com/
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